

Amendment to the Abstract:

Kindly amend the Abstract of The Disclosure, as filed, with the following amended Abstract of The Disclosure:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An adjustable static stabilizer ~~for use in a bridge environment absorbs shock loads applied to bridge structure. Various mounting arrangements for the static stabilizers in combination with a bascule bridge are disclosed.~~ used to ameliorate shock loading. The static stabilizer has a housing forming a chamber and an upwardly-open cylindrical carrier moveably mounted in the chamber. A plurality of spring washers are mounted in the carrier, and a shoe cap extends transverse to the carrier for engaging the spring washers therein. A tie rod interconnects the shoe cap and the carrier for displacement of the shoe cap relative to the housing, and a threaded means is disposed between the housing and the carrier for rotatably mounting the carrier in the housing which is operable upon rotation of the shoe cap relative to the housing to enable the overall height of the stabilizer to be adjusted.